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PROPOSED REVISION OF NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL DIRECTIVE #3

PRODUCTION OF INTELLIGENCE AND COORDINATION

OF INTELLIGENCE PRODUCTION

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 102 of the National Security Act of 1947, and for the purposes enunciated in paragraphs (d) and (e) thereof, and Section I and II of NSCID #1, the National Security Council hereby authorizes and directs that the following policies, objectives and responsibilities are established for the production of intelligence and for the coordination of its production throughout the governmental intelligence structure.

I. Basis and Responsibilities for Intelligence Production Planning

1. Intelligence shall be produced throughout the governmental intelligence structure for two main purposes, namely:

a. to reduce to a minimum the element of surprise in foreign conditions, situations and developments which affect US national security and objectives,

b. to provide support for national planning, strategic planning, and a basis for operational decisions at all appropriate levels within the government with respect to all foreign areas, conditions, and situations which pertain to US national security and objectives,

2. CIA and each of the other intelligence agencies represented on the IAC, hereinafter referred to as the departmental agencies, are responsible for the production of intelligence for both of the above stated purposes. For these purposes CIA is responsible to the President, the National Security Council, and to such other governmental agencies or bodies as the NSC shall from time to time specifically designate. Each of the departmental intelligence agencies is responsible to its respective department in fulfillment of the departmental mission, and to the Director of Central Intelligence in connection with departmental responsibilities for support of national intelligence production.

3. In view of the magnitude and diversity of intelligence coverage required to satisfy all needs at all levels of the governmental structure, careful planning is needed to insure the continuous application of the entire intelligence effort to the requirements of US national security objectives. Such planning must recognize and provide for simultaneous fulfillment of the individual and collective intelligence requirements of departmental and higher policy and planning levels of the government.

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4. In view of the fact that intelligence is effective only when it is closely linked with the policy planning, strategic planning and operational elements of the government, planning for such intelligence shall be accomplished under the guidance of the National Security Council.

5. The Director of Central Intelligence shall be responsible for the preparation, coordination, implementation and maintenance of integrated national intelligence production plans to meet the entire needs of national security. In the fulfillment of this responsibility he is authorized to issue such supplemental intelligence production directives pursuant to paragraph 8, NSC/P 51, as may be required, and to conduct direct and active liaison for this purpose with the Policy Planning Staff of the Department of State; the planning committees of the Joint Chiefs of Staff; the operations planning staffs of the military departments, and such other agencies as the NSC may designate.

6. The Chiefs of the intelligence agencies of the Departments of State, Army, Navy, Air and of the Joint Chiefs of Staff shall be responsible for the preparation, coordination, implementation and maintenance of departmental intelligence production programs in support of such national intelligence production plans issued by the Director of Central Intelligence. Such intelligence production programs shall provide for the requirements of the departments as well as for departmental support to the national intelligence plan.

7. The above mentioned plans and programs will provide for utilization of research support from non-IAC governmental agencies and non-governmental research facilities to the maximum practicable extent, in accordance with applicable security regulations.

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